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## SORORITIES AGREE UPON RUSH RULES

Greek Letter Girls Meet With  
the Dean and Discuss  
Sorority Rushing

Last Wednesday, at the request of Dean Lemon, all of the sorority girls on the campus met in a joint meeting to discuss sorority rushing.

The method used last year in rushing has been found unsatisfactory because it takes up entirely too much time that should be spent on studies.

Several plans were discussed, but no solution was decided upon. A committee was then appointed by the inter-sorority council president, Audrey Dean Albert, and this committee has met and formed the following rules.

1. Each sorority may give one rush affair during the summer.
2. Thursday and Friday of Freshman week, each sorority will give its split date tea, two on each of these days.
3. Each sorority may give one other rush affair during the following week—Mon. Tues., Wed., or Thurs.
4. Preference of rushees will be handed to the Dean of Women the next Wednesday.
5. Saturday Formal Banquets will be held, and the rushees will be informally pledged.
6. At the regular sorority meeting, Wednesday, the rushees will be formally pledged.

### NEW OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED

At the special session of the Mathematical Round Table, Tuesday evening, officers for the coming year were installed. Because of the short notice of the meeting, there was no program. Unusual riddles, however, were presented to sharpen the wits of the mathematicians.

A report of the committee that has been arranging the surveying picnic was heard. The plans made by this trio were approved, and the picnic will be held Thursday, June 14, at Pumpkin Center on American Lake. All students in the Mathematics Department are cordially invited, and if desirous of going, are requested to sign the list on the bulletin board in room 113.

Hosts for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Kobal (Evelyn Simon). At the close of the meeting, this couple was presented a beautiful hammered silver tray by Ruth Fadness, retiring president, in behalf of the Mathematical Round Table.

### 14 PLEDGED BY SPURS TUESDAY

Fourteen freshmen and sophomore women were formally initiated into Spurs Tuesday afternoon. Evelyn Churchill acted as hostess.

A program by the new members was followed by refreshments.

Those being initiated were: Margaret Palmer, Grace Link, Alpha Beta Upsilon; Alberta Clark, Theresa Maruca, Charlotte Tromer, Delta Alpha Gamma; Alice Berry, Margaret Hill, Rosalie Robbins, Kappa Sigma Theta; Mamie Baker, Ernestine Goff, Dorothy Raleigh, Lambda Sigma Chi.

### FRATERNITY GUESTS AT PICNIC

Sigma Mu Chi Fraternity wound up its regular activities for the college year with one of the most enjoyable meetings of the season, a picnic at Point Defiance Park for members and their parents. The picnic, which was held last Wednesday evening, was given to the group by the Mothers' Club of Sigma Mu Chi.

Mu Chi recently received official possession of the championship cup of the YMCA Basketball League. This cup was won by the fraternity with a record of 10 victories and only one defeat in the recent basketball series between the six teams which composed the loop.

### FREE ROOM FOR THE SUMMER

For a student who will care for the lawn and garden. Inquire at the president's office.—adv.



### A NEW PURPOSE FOR YW

For the purposes of clarity and increased meaning, an amendment to the constitution of the national YWCA has been proposed which would substitute a new purpose for the old and make other minor changes. As this amendment must be voted on by each chapter and as a month's notice is required for any proposed changes, the new and old purposes are being printed here. They will be voted on at the first meeting in September.

#### The New Purpose

"We, the members of the Young Women's Christian Association of the College of Puget Sound, unite in the desire to realize full and creative life through a growing knowledge of God.

"We determine to have a part in making this life possible for all people.

"In this task we seek to understand Jesus and to follow Him."

#### The Old Purpose

"1. To lead students to faith in God through Jesus Christ;

"2. To lead them into membership and service in the Christian Church;

"3. To promote their growth in Christian faith and character, especially through the study of the Bible.

"4. To influence them to devote themselves in united effort with all Christians, to making the will of Christ effective in human society and to extending the kingdom of God throughout the world."

### DR. RICH YMCA SPEAKER TUES.

Dr. Rich, one of Tacoma's eminent surgeons, was introduced to the organization by Bob Evans who gave him the titles of surgeon, author, lecturer, philanthropist, and yachtman. He addressed the organization giving the title of his speech as "Picking Your Vocation." He dwelt upon the types of vocations and said that only one out of every four was in the trade that suited him the best.

### YWCA DISCUSSES SEABECK AT MEETING

"Seabeck" was the topic for discussion in YW Tuesday. This discussion was held to arouse more interest in the girls for the girls' camp at Seabeck.

Betty Totten, Martha Ann Wilson, and Wilma Zimmerman told of their good times at Seabeck, Wilma showing many interesting pictures that were taken while there.

### TWO INITIATED INTO HONORARY

Viola Jordan and Virginia Claire Scanlon, the two new pledges of Pen and Ink, local literary honorary, were initiated into the club at a meeting held in Jones Hall Wednesday afternoon. Wallace Drake, newly-elected president, read the initiatory ritual, being assisted by Lucille Davenport, Wilma Zimmerman, Albert King and Elverson Stark.

This will be the concluding meeting of the College year for Pen and Ink. A summer picnic will be held the second Tuesday in July, but, other than that, no further programs will be given until October.

### MANY COURSES THIS SUMMER

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Hanawalt will have charge of the classes in physics and mathematics.

#### Psychology Offered

Dean Allan C. Lemon and Dr. C. W. Topping will teach psychology and Dr. Topping will also teach sociology. Latin, philosophy, economics, political science and Spanish will also be offered, with Mr. Cheney, Senator W. S. Davis, Prof. Arthur Frederick, Prof. Battin, and Prof. Charles Robbins in charge. Public speaking and voice courses will be taught by Prof. C. S. Holcomb and Mr. Frederick will teach several courses in religious education.

Excursions have been planned to Cushman Dam, Mt. Tacoma, the State Hospital, Fort Lewis, and the Bemerton Navy Yard. There will also be a picnic at Point Defiance and several entertainments on the campus, including dramatic presentations and weekly assemblies, and in addition, opportunity will be given to attend the Institute of International Relations in Seattle during July.

### Commencement

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### LITERARY SOCIETIES

#### Altrurian

Altrurian held its last meeting of the year at Point Defiance Park. Members brought their own lunches and a festive repast was held on the beach. The spring weather got the best of the good intentions of having a program, much to the disappointment of those who were scheduled to appear. Boat rides and trips thru the park rounded out an evening of keen enjoyment.

#### Amphictyon

With Dean Allan C. Lemon presiding and Mrs. E. H. Todd occupying the secretary's chair, Amphictyon's senior meeting proved to be one of the more interesting ones of the year. Talks on a number of subjects, with enjoyable musical selections, were well received by the large number in attendance.

Perhaps the feature of the evening was Mrs. Todd's talk on the activities of the Romance Department of the college. According to Mrs. Todd, this is the most active and desirable subject to study at Puget Sound.

Another feature was the two musical numbers, piano numbers by Kathryn Hammerly and a song by a mixed quartet which included Alice Rockhill, Genevieve Bitney, Donald Searing and Preston Wright.

Other contributing to the program were Jane Campbell, Grace Eddy, and David Taff. The meeting was concluded with refreshments served by the Class of '28.

#### Philomathean

Philo had its annual senior program last Monday night. The seniors, for the last time, had their say, as follows: The subject was "We're Going to Leave You Now."

"Once I was Blind, But Now I See the Philo Literary Society."—Ruth Dively.

"Our First President."—Bob Burrows.

"Philo Menus Through the Years."—Leo Durkee.

"Famous Philos."—Catherine Strahorn.

"Philo Entertainers."—Franklin Johnson and Lois Berringer.

"Philo Sonnets."—Amy Dahlgren.

"What Philo Means to a Senior."—Alice Gartrell.

"Philo Ideals."—Douglas Hendel.

"Philo Friendships."—Dot Henry.

"Philo Pranks."—Torrey Smith.

"Philo Houseparties."—Prof. Slater.

"We'll Leave the Dear Old C. P. S. to Conquer in the World."—Sam Pugh.

"A Toast to Philo."—Frank Peterson.

### LAST BETA MEETING IS HELD AT STEILACOON

Alpha Beta Upsilon held its last meeting of the year Wednesday at the home of Audrey-Dean Albert at Lake Steilacoon. After the regular meeting, the rest of the afternoon was spent in swimming and rowing, with a pot-luck supper afterward.

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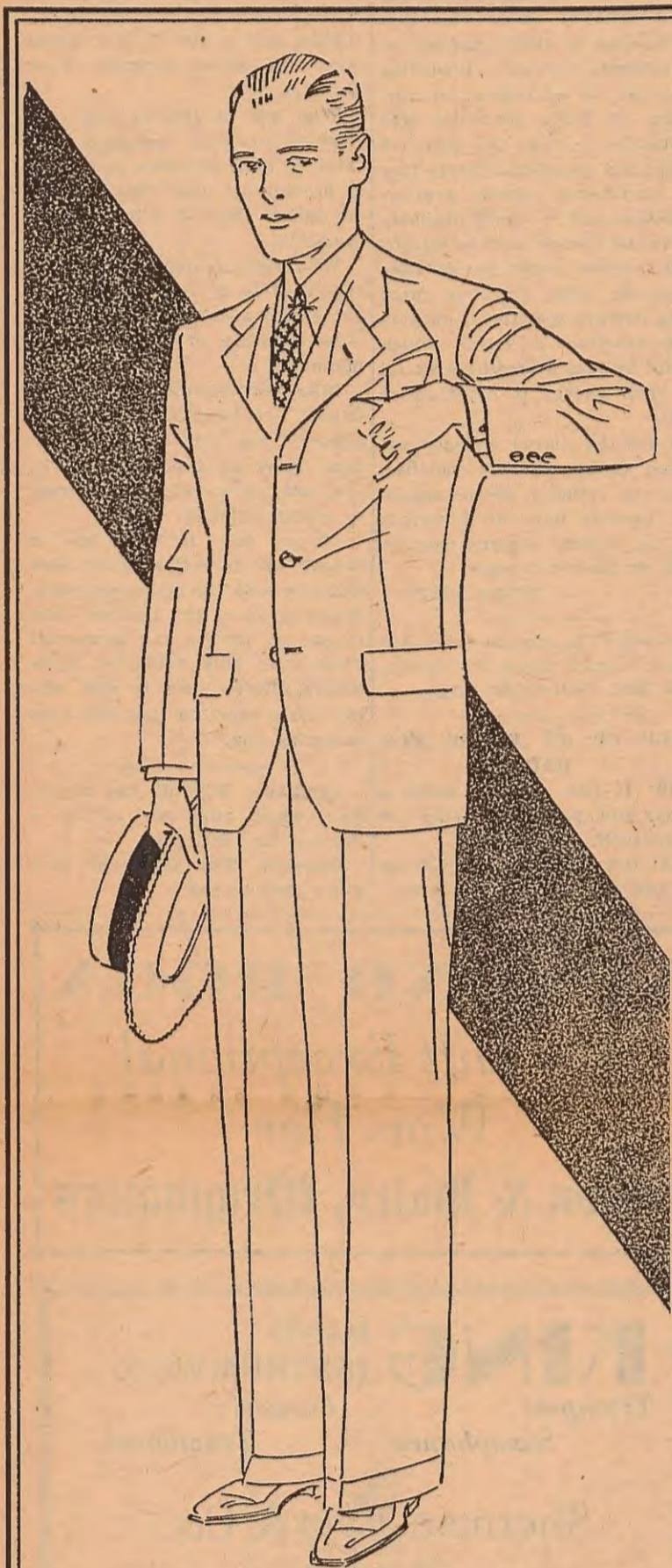
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## TENNIS TEAM SUCCESSFUL IN SOUTHLAND

Logger Women Star On  
Court With Three Tourna-  
ment Wins

Success crowned the first women's tennis trip to Oregon last week end. The Puget Sound racquetsters competed with women at Reed College, Pacific University and Willamette University. All matches were won at Reed and Pacific, but a close series was lost to Willamette.

At Reed, Margaret Alleman of Puget Sound defeated Virginia Thompson, 6-4, 7-5; Mildred Martin, Puget Sound, defeated Dorothy Shapiro, 6-2, 6-1; Betty Martin trounced Betty Seabrook of Reed, 6-0, 6-0; Mabel Bennett won from Florence Swanson, 6-4, 6-3.

The doubles matches were equally successful. Margaret Alleman and Mildred Martin took the Reed women into camp, 6-3, 6-2. They opposed Virginia Thompson and Dorothy Shapiro. Dorothy Raleigh and Mabel Bennett, composing the other home team defeated Marie Stewart and Ethel Jones, 6-0, 6-1.

**Loggers Beat Badgers**  
Pacific University women were met with equal success. Margaret Alleman defeated Alice Palmer, 6-0, 6-3; Mildred Martin defeated Janice Strickland, 6-3, 6-4; Betty Martin won from Doris Bailey, 6-1, 6-2. In the doubles match Dorothy Raleigh and Mabel Bennett took Alice Palmer and Violet Judy, 6-4, 6-3.

At Willamette they met the most competition of the trip, but took two of the matches. Margaret Alleman lost to Pauline Findley, 6-2, 6-3. In this contest Miss Findley of Willamette garnered 63 points to her opponent's 54. Miss Findley has never lost a match to any woman, and is considered one of Oregon's best women players. Mildred Martin won a close match from Louise Nunn, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5. In this game Puget Sound was credited with 95 points to Willamette's 84. In the third singles event, Margaret Morehouse of Willamette took Betty Martin 6-1, 5-7, 6-3. Mabel Bennett lost to Louise Findley, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.

The two colleges shared the doubles matches. Margaret Alleman and Mildred lost to Pauline Findley and Louise Nunn, 6-4, 6-3. In the second duet match, Dorothy Raleigh and Mabel Bennett swamped Louise Findley and Margaret Morehouse, 6-0, 6-2. It is interesting to note that Willamette defeated Puget Sound altogether 467 points to 406.

**Beat Lutherans**  
Pacific Lutheran College was met last Tuesday at Parkland. The local women took everything. The contests in general however, were closer than those at Pacific and Reed.

The closest match was between Mildred Martin and Pauline Langlow, the former winning, 6-4, 7-5. This game was the closest of the season, other than those at Willamette. Another close singles meet was the sets with Margaret Alleman and Pauline Larson, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4. Betty Martin took Martha Kline, 6-4, 6-1, and Mabel Bennett defeated Sylvia Larson, 6-1, 6-0.

In the doubles encounters the Bennett-Raleigh combination took Pauline Langlow and Margaret Jacobsen, 6-1, 6-4; and Betty Martin and Mabel Bennett defeated Pauline Langlow and Dorothy Ardal, 6-3, 7-5.

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## LOGGERS SPLIT DOUBLE SERIES WITH BEARCATS

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ing But Drop Second

The College of Puget Sound split even on its two conference games with Willamette, winning the first by an 11 to 6 score and dropping the second, 10 to 8.

Bob Witter, Logger portside, hurled the best game of the season, striking out 6 of the Bearcats and allowing them only 11 scattered hits. The Loggers did some of the best stick work they have done this year, collecting 14 hits, Bert Kepka and Ray Croxall both knocked out a home run to centerfield. Although the Loggers out-hit the Bearcats in the second game, they could not gather in enough runs to win.

The Willamette nine were decidedly on and made it necessary for Coach Hubbard to use Jim Stevenson, Russ Eierman and Dave Ferguson in the box. Dave pitched excellent ball, allowing but two hits in the last four innings.

This game ended a baseball season which was not as spectacular as former years, but with only two men graduating from Puget Sound, the college should have an individual team next year.

## RESOLUTION

The Alumni Association of the College adopted the following resolution at their Friday meeting, concerning a graduate manager:

WHEREAS, the College of Puget Sound has made marked strides in athletics in recent years and from the standpoint of student personnel, coaching equipment, and athletic competition has attained a fine degree of success, and WHEREAS, further successes and proper utilization of athletic assets depends so largely upon the proper business management of athletic activities, and WHEREAS, the present plan seems defective as follows:

1. That the faculty manager, teaching a full course, has not sufficient time to be anything more than a mere auditor of the accounts of student activities, with the major responsibilities falling upon the student manager.
2. The one year period of service of an athletic manager is too short to guarantee the proper experience for the tasks involved.
3. While the responsibilities and duties devolving upon an athletic manager are far too heavy for a student to perform and at the same time carry full college work.

AND WHEREAS: The present system was inaugurated with the understanding that it was to be maintained only until such time as the college activities required the services of a graduate manager;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Alumni Association is of the opinion that the time has come when a change is needed, and that the Association herewith requests the College Administration and the Associated Students to join with the Alumni Association in devising ways and means of providing adequate and efficient management in general, but athletic management in particular, and further, Be it resolved, that this resolution is not a criticism of any individuals at present or formerly connected with student management but rather a call for enlarged personnel and facilities whereby the college can keep pace with growing demands in the intercollegiate world.

## FROSH TEAMS WIN GAMES IN BASEBALL

Freshman A Beats B; Upper-  
Classmen Lose to  
Freshman B

In a slow three-inning game, Tuesday, the Freshman A team beat the B team, with a 6-4 victory. Only three innings were played because of lack of time.

Mamie Baker of the winning team showed her pitching ability, and was ably supported by Mar Hill, Mabel Miller, and Edna Muzzy, captain. For the B team, Ernie Goff, (captain) fanned two in the first inning, but very few after that. She had the whole team behind her all through the game.

### Lacks Pep

The game lacked pep. There was continued fumbling, most of the women only getting singles. Mar Hill attained third base the first time up, but was the only three-bagger in the game.

Lineup for the game:

Freshman A	Pos.	Freshman B
Hill	C	Stensrud
Baker	P (capt.)	Goff
Martin	1	Raleigh
DuBois	2	Van Patter
Muzzy (capt.)	3	Westcott
Miller	RSS	Van Winkle
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Moore	RF	Wilson
DuBois	LF	Cheney
Graham	CF	Mathie

Umpire: Robert Hurworth.

### FRESHMAN B

#### TEAM WINS

The freshman B woman's team decisively defeated the sophomore team in the baseball game played Thursday noon. The second year women did not get going during the whole game, and the freshmen easily led them all the way. The final score was 11 to 4. The game was slow almost the entire time. Because of lack of time only four innings were played.

The individual honors for the freshmen were about evenly divided, Isabel Moore making the only home run of the game. On the other side, the playing of Martha Hawksworth, pitcher, was most noticeable, and had she been given more backing by the rest of the team, the score would at least have been closer, it not in the sophomores' favor, Martha pitched well and could be considered the best player of the game.

### Sophs Play Frosh A

Today, the sophomore team is playing the freshman A team. It is hoped that they will come out of the slump that they were in yesterday, and give a good battle to the frosh, to make the series more even, and interesting. Today's game ends the women's athletic season, which has been the most successful that the college has ever had.

## R. E. COOK ONCE AGAIN TRUSTEE

Raymond Cook, who has been the alumni representative on the Board of Trustees of the College of Puget Sound for 15 years, has been elected for a sixth consecutive term. He has been superintendent of schools in Chehalis, principal of the Lincoln High School, and has now been appointed superintendent of schools for Everett.

## LAST WOMEN'S HIKE TO BE TOMORROW

The last of the series of women's hikes will be held tomorrow, May 26. After the usual eight-mile hike, the women will end up with a picnic at Point Defiance.

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## Freshman A Team Captures First Place In Women's Archery; Sophs Second

Second-Year Squad Handicapped When Maruca Is Off  
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Van Patter, Crail and Alleman Place High; Wind Hinders

In spite of the predictions made beforehand, the freshman A team carried away the honors in the women's archery tournament with 86 points to the sophs 78. The score might have been different, and it might have for a time as if the second year women would win, had Theresa Maruca their second highest scorer, not been off form.

### Bjorkman Gets 30

Evelyn Bjorkman, soph, was high-point winner with 30 points out of a possible sixty. Viola Van Patter and Elsie Crail tied for second place honors with 27 each. Margaret Alleman was not far behind with 26. The Freshman B team came in third with 63, while the upperclassmen were last with 43 points.

Each girl was given three trials for practice, and then six trials, divided into two sets of three each. The slightly heavy breeze that was coming down the field, hindered the accuracy of the shots to some extent, and probably accounted for many of the bad shots.

The scores are as follows:

### Upperclassmen 48

Marie Porter	10
Mildred Sluth	10
Mildred Martin	7
Pauline Voelker	21

### Sophomores 76

Mabel Bennett	18
Margaret Alleman	26
Evelyn Bjorkman	30
Theresa Maruca	4

### Freshman A 86

Viola Van Patter	27
Margaret Van Winkle	15
Mamie Baker	21
Geraldine Whitworth	23

### Freshman B 63

Lillian Boyd	13
Elsie Crail	27
Margaret Hill	15
Mary Westcott	8

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### WE CONGRATULATE THE WOMEN

The women's tennis team made a fine record on the trip into Oregon last week end. At Reed College and Pacific University, the Puget Sound co-eds made a clean sweep of the matches. At Willamette University, the Oregon Methodists kept the Maroon and White players from having three straight team wins. In all the Loggerettes won fourteen out of sixteen matches.

As the trip was the first in which women of Puget Sound have engaged in intercollegiate athletic competition, the results are gratifying. We congratulate the team and may this first trip be followed by more in the future.

### AN IMPORTANT QUESTION

Several things have happened around the college since the last issue of The Trail was published, containing an editorial on the subject of literary societies at the college. Some discussion was held in one of the societies at its Monday night business meeting and the subject was further threshed out at a special meeting called Tuesday noon by C. Amos Booth, president of the ASCPS. A great many opinions have been expressed on various sides of the question, but the chief thought seems to be that things are not at present entirely as they should be, at least in two of the three societies.

A reply to this editorial from one of the readers of this paper appears in this issue. Other replies have been received by the editor of The Trail, but are not being printed, since it is believed that the one includes all the arguments that have been brought forward by advocates of literary societies on the campus.

At any rate, a discussion has most certainly been stirred up concerning a problem which is of the first importance to most of the students at the college. It may not be settled immediately, but some sort of change will undoubtedly take place if the past discussions are any indication.

### THETAS ENTERTAIN

The Kappa Sigma Theta Sorority entertained formally at the Roof Garden of the Winthrop Hotel, Saturday, May 19. Orchid and green, the sorority colors, were used in novel lighting effects which added to the charm of the occasion. Dr. and Mrs. Dodds and Mr. and Mrs. Emley acted as patrons and patronesses of the affair.

For the last meeting of the year, the senior girls entertained the sorority with a swimming party at the home of Vivian Kruzner at South American Lake.

### GRADUATION PROGRAM OUT

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auditorium at 3 p. m. At 7 a. m. of the same day the YMCA and YWCA will hold their yearly Sunrise Breakfast at Pt. Defiance Park.

### Is Final Day

Monday, June 11, will be the final day of the actual Commencement program, although there will be various organization activities later in the week. On this day, at 10 a. m., the College Commencement will be held, with Rev. J. Ralph Magee, Ph. B., D. D., giving the address of the morning. At 6:30 p. m. of the same day, the three literary societies of the college will hold their reunion banquets.

In between time, other college groups plan recognition and reunion meetings.

A complete printed program of the Commencement period, has been issued by the administration and may be secured from the offices at any time.

### ALPHA CHI NU ELECTS OFFICERS

Officers for the coming year were elected in a recent meeting of the Alpha Chi Nu Fraternity. They are: Charles Anderson, president; Henry Gilbert, vice president; Willard Josselyn, treasurer; Charles Smith, corresponding secretary; Thomas Wheaton, recording secretary; and Chester Rhodes, sergeant-at-arms.

### ALUMNI MEET AT BANQUET

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bility of the adoption of a graduate manager plan for college activities.

The annual report of the secretary of the Alumni Association and the trustee was heard. A committee was appointed to amend those by-laws which had to do with elections and qualifications of voters.

### Sign Constitution

Near the end of the meeting, the Seniors signed the Constitution of the Alumni Association and thereby became full members. This is the first year that this has been done by the Seniors, and it is thought appropriate to have it become a tradition. Before the meeting closed, a brief, silent memorial was held in honor of Mrs. Windon and of any other alumni members who had passed away during the year.

The next meeting of the alumni will be held the third of November in connection with the Homecoming celebration.

### MYSTERY ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? COLUMN

deep one. Hubby thought his mother-in-law wanted them to get married. You'll have to figure out the rest from that hint).

### NEITHER CAN WE

What we can't understand is how the static knows you have company the night you want your radio to work well.

(The little rascal is insinuating that the static purposely misbehaves, while we all know that that is not true.)

### A NEAR TRAGEDY

"Dick was almost drowned last night!"

"No!"

"Yeh! The pillow slipped, the bed spread and he fell into the spring."

(In this we are just pretending! We are pretending that the spring is a real wet one—although how it could get that way is beyond us to understand.)

### SHE TOOK 'EM

"Stop your fooling, dear, and take these letters," gurgled the absent-minded business man as his wife tiptoed up behind him and kissed him on his bald spot.

(The humor to this is that he thinks, he's so absent-minded, that his wife is his stenographer. Now do you see, little readers?)

### PUP-PANZIES, TOO

The teacher explained that many plants and flowers have the prefix "dog-," as "dog-rose" and "dog-violet." Then she asked the class to name another.

There was a long silence, until a chubby little fellow held up his hand. "Yes?" queried the teacher.

"Please, teacher," proudly called out the lad, "collie-flowers!" (We are forced to admit, in line with our usual policy of frankness, that this one has us puzzled. If you can figure it out, write in and tell us.)

Love and kisses to every one of our sweet little readers.

### PROF. IN EAST TO GET DEGREE

In the absence of Prof. C. W. Topping who went to Columbia University last week to undergo an oral examination with reference to his Doctor's dissertation, other members of the faculty and experts in various fields are giving lectures in his classes.

Among visiting lecturers are listed Mrs. Frederick Thompson, Judge Fred G. Remann, Rabbi Montague Cohen, C. N. Curtis, Judge Blanche Funk Miller, Mrs. A. B. Cunningham, Mrs. Frederick Smith, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Eugene Church and others.

### Announce Gamma Officers

At a recent meeting of the sorority, election of officers for the coming semester was announced.

President, DeLona Calahan; vice-president, Charlotte Tromer; corresponding secretary, Marie Tromer; inter-sorority representative, Edwina Smith; treasurer, Alberta Clark.

The last meeting of the year was held at the home of DeLona Calahan. The program for the afternoon consisted of a piano solo by Jean Staniford, a reading by Ruth Fadness, vocal solo by Alberta Clark.

### NO TRIMMINGS

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## :: What Readers Say ::

### WHY LITERARY SOCIETIES?

To the editor of The Trail:

In the last issue of The Trail there appeared over Albert King's signature an editorial asking, "Why Literary Societies?" and demanding their dissolution. In support of his proposal Mr. King aimed some well-founded criticisms at the literary societies, to the effect that they are no longer literary, that they do not develop all their members, that serious programs when attempted fail to interest, that they are increasingly social, that they are not democratic, and that they exact time and money. We must note however that the degree to which this criticism, expressed in sweeping generalities, is merited, varies greatly with the different societies. Mr. King sounds a helpful and necessary note of warning which the societies would do well to heed, but his conclusion, that these abuses call for their dissolution, is not sound. The remedy isn't to eliminate the societies but to correct the abuses.

### The Root of the Trouble

The root of the trouble comes from the present social pretensions of the literary societies. They have imitated the undemocratic attitude, the freshman rushing, and the social activities of the Greek letter groups, and lost sight of their real function. But should they therefore be abolished? There is a real need on the campus for a type of organization which provides the student with opportunities for self-development and expression, for cultural study and entertainment, for public speaking practice, for friendly non-social comradeship between the men and the women students, opportunities not afforded by the social groups. These can only be provided by the literary societies.

This need is especially emphatic for those students who have been unsuccessful or have not chosen to join a Greek letter society. Many students feel that in being denied the opportunity to join a fraternity or sorority they are missing the joy of college. What would there be for them if the literary societies were eliminated? Mr. King makes the light-hearted suggestion that anyone who really wants to, can become a member of a Fraternity or Sorority for he is always free to organize one, if he wants it enough. But is it really as easy as that? Then some students do not care for the purely social purpose and what they regard as the snobbery of the fraternities and sororities. The literary society, with its opportunities for development, for cultural study, for pleasant association, meets their need. Surely there should be different types of organizations to choose from, to suit the different individuals. Fraternities and sororities have been bitterly criticised by many on the grounds of their undemocratic attitude, the artificial barriers created in the student body, their waste of time and money on social flubdub. But how would Mr. King receive a demand to abolish them? The literary society fills a need for both fraternity and non-fraternity students, but particularly for the latter. In this connection, just as helpful aside: The fraternity members might cease to regard the literary societies as battlegrounds for office-hunting and interfraternity rivalry and function as loyal society members.

But alas, says Mr. King, how

can you have real literary society when the serious programs keep the members home? In suggesting that the literary societies become literary we are not asking that they feature programs on the "Evolution of the Infinitive in English Grammar." Many worthwhile programs—such as programs on great humorists—can be amusing and interesting also. And if the topic is serious, the speakers don't have to put on a long face about it. Their best training will come in learning to present real meat so interestingly that their societies will drink it like milk. The programs can feature and encourage the creative ability of the members, and such programs are always interesting. One can only speak authoritatively from personal experience in one's own society, but it is the writer's observation, after the privilege of serving as program chairman in one of the societies some time ago, that those programs which were most worthwhile and most carefully prepared aroused the most approval and interest from the membership, and that the more flippant and frothy they were, the poorer was their reception. This is further attested by the fact that this same society, steadily offering the more earnest programs, has achieved an attendance of between 60 and 70 per cent, almost double that of the other two societies.

On the other hand, what if the attendance of some societies should decrease somewhat? Is a large attendance essential or even desirable when it requires inferior programs? Furthermore, the societies claim that they cannot be democratic, for they are forced by numbers to be selective. But if their programs cease to cater to the shallower students, and if their attendance falls off, will not this enable them to accommodate more of those who really desire to join, and thus be more democratic?

There is a real opportunity and a real need for the literary societies. Of course, they take time and money. But no one is compelled to join them, and when they are really literary societies, to those who enjoy the opportunities for self-expression, for practice on one's feet, for cultural study, for friendship among both men and women, they are worth it. If the societies want to prove their right and fulfill their purpose on this campus, let them cease to imitate and cater and begin to serve.

—Helen Graham Johnson

### AND FURTHER OPINIONS IN FAVOR OF SOCIETIES

To the Editor of The Trail:

Since the editorial policy of our college paper is to attack the literary societies, I should like to set forth some opposing arguments in a letter.

I am a member of the literary society of which the last week's editorial is a member, and as such I am willing to concede that his criticism of our programs is just: They have not been scholarly or even serious. But it is my firm belief that this defect can be remedied. Perhaps it does not exist in other societies. The literary society serves a social purpose which is in itself sufficient reason for its existence, but

since its primary purpose is literary, literary programs should be encouraged, and if our students have degenerated to such an extent that they cannot enjoy a serious program—as a quotation in the editorial would seem to indicate—then the situation calls for missionary work on the part of the homes and churches.

The writer of the afore-mentioned editorial states also that our campus is over-organized at the present, but in a preceding paragraph he advocates the formation of more sororities and fraternities to take the place of the literary societies. Clearly that plan would not remedy over-organization and it would probably add to the present evil by substitution several weak Greek-letter groups for what could be three strong literary societies if authors of destructive criticism which abound here as everywhere would give their energy to constructive work.

As for the "large college" argument against literary societies, there are colleges whose enrollment exceeds ours by hundreds and the literary society may be found on their campuses.

—Mildred Sluth.

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### CHALK UP AN ERROR FOR DAD

Dad: If you want to make a hit, my son, you must strike out for yourself.

Son: G'wan, dad; if you strike out, how can you make a hit?

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